



BISCAYNE PARK



Neighborhood
Visioning
Report

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Purpose of the Report

This report was undertaken as a result of requests by the Village of Biscayne Park Commission to bring together the variety of discussions regarding improvements to Biscayne Park into a community forum. There has been a concern that as individual needs or ideas for improvement were discussed in Commission meetings they were often considered without a sense of the overall direction which the Village might take to realize its future. The idea of a community design workshop or "charrette" was proposed and the University of Miami's Center for Urban and Community Design was contracted to conduct the workshop and produce a report of the findings.

Mission of the Workshop

To create a vision for the Village of Biscayne Park which illustrates opportunities for its landscape, parks, public ways and facilities that will protect its quality and character and guide its future.

Intention

This Vision Plan Report is intended to identify the projects and policies which the citizens have confirmed as those which can improve the civic infrastructure, character, and livability of Biscayne Park. These measures focus on the landscape, streetscape, paths and public facilities of Biscayne Park which constitute the public realm in which all citizens share amenities.



Description of the Study Area

The study area is the city limits of Biscayne Park which is bounded by NE 121st Street to the north, The Griffing Canal to the west, the FEC railroad to the east and NE 107th Street to the south. The area contains primarily single family homes with some duplexes and some public structures for municipal uses. There are currently no commercial or industrial uses.

Biscayne Park, incorporated in 1933, a community of approximately 3,200 residents in single and multi-family homes in an area of 9 square miles or 385 acres. The village of Biscayne Park is fortunate in having inherited two important ingredients of successful town planning from its inception. Those are its strong edge created by Griffing Canal, FEC Railroad tracks, and the 125th Street corridor. The other is having a community amenity at or near its center (Burke Park). These factors as well as the generous medians and front lawns provide ideal amenities for this unique residential enclave. A strong edge and gathering place in the center helps reinforce community orientation and interaction.

The creation of Biscayne Park began on December 1st 1931 by a group of registered voters who wanted to govern themselves by incorporating the area into a town. By the end of the month the name of the town was approved and the first Mayor, Mr. R. Klefeken, was chosen. The first meeting of the Town Council declared the corporate limits to be a bird sanctuary and made it unlawful to shoot trap or in any other way destroy its bird population. This initial care for its natural habitat has continued to the present and is a driving force behind the ideas discussed in the Visioning Workshop and presented in this report.

Only one year later, on February 1st 1933, work started on the Log Cabin construction. Under the direction of W. H. Green, a founding commission member and Regional Administrator for the W.P.A, the venerated building was built and turned over to the Village in 1935. Its restoration as the meeting hall for the community will allow it to return to its proper role in the history and the development of Biscayne park.



In preparation for the visioning Workshop, University of Miami students visited Biscayne Park, noting its physical characteristics and assembled maps from existing land atlases and aerial views to produce this basemap. The basemap shows the existing configuration of streets, lot lines and buildings as well as connections to adjacent neighborhoods. The map shows the buildings shaded to illustrate density and placement.

Some buildings may be inaccurate in size, shape or location due to their being obscured from view by trees as observed from aerial photos.

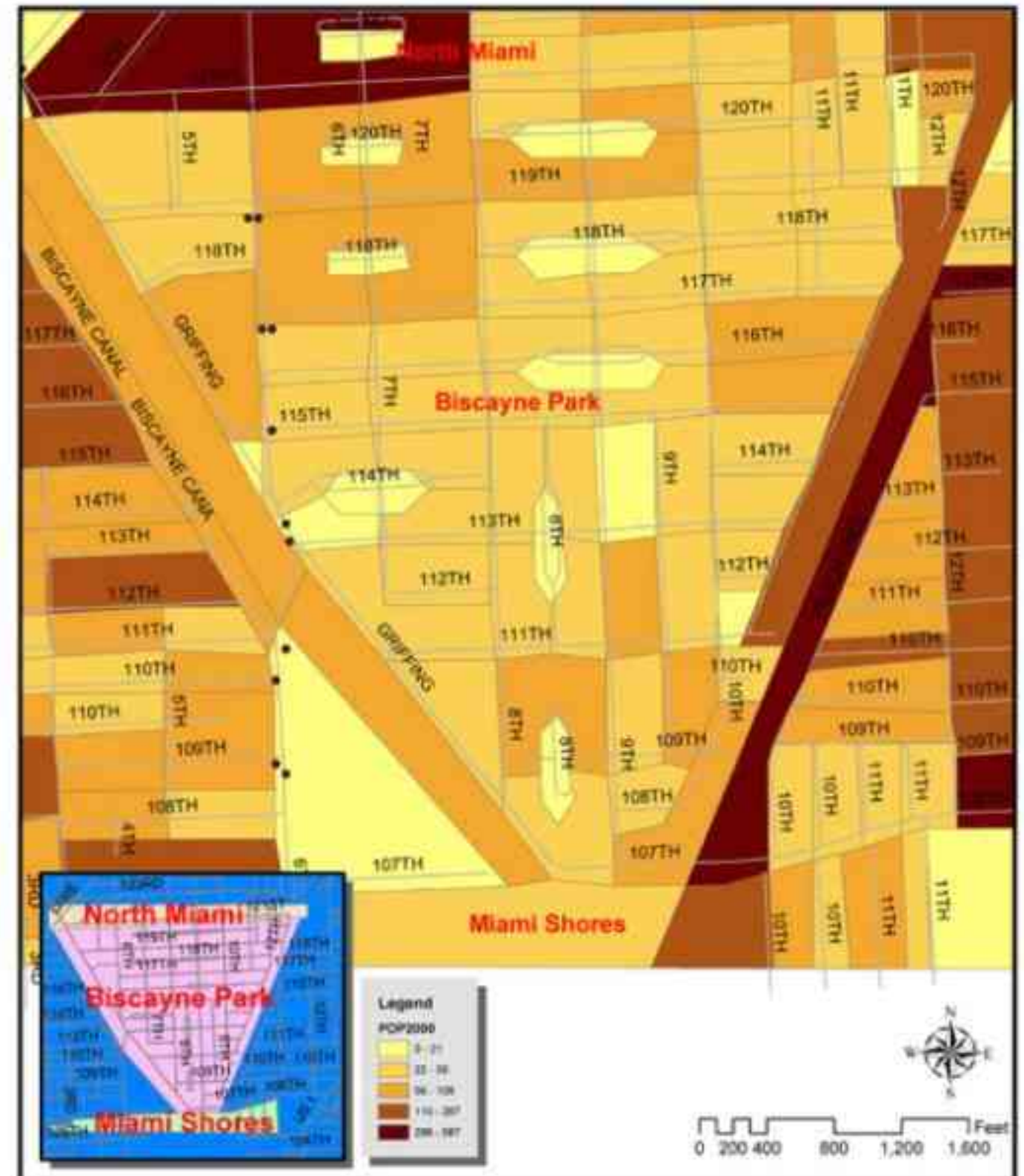
This map is used throughout this report to illustrate recommendations which were developed during the workshop and it can be further used as a working document in future planning discussions to view the relative merits of potential improvements.

The students also researched and analyzed available census data in order to understand some of the regulatory and social statistics occurring in the neighborhood. The following maps were presented and used as background information during the discussions and workshop.



Existing Land Use

Biscayne Park's Land use is primarily single family residence with some concentration of two-family to the eastern and northern borders. There are no commercial or industrial uses.



Existing Population

This population analysis confirms that the density is lower than surrounding areas and tends to be slightly higher at the edges than in the center.



In the evening workshop on June 17th the participants were asked to offer words to describe what they felt was worth preserving in Biscayne Park. The following comments were contributed:

Preservation Issues

What would you like to preserve about Biscayne Park?

Quiet
Tree canopy
Nice people
Safeness
Quality of community services
Family oriented
Multi-generational
Diverse socio-economics
Opportunity to encourage community feeling – helping each other
Residential quality – single family and public
Community / citizen involvement
Medians
Bird sanctuary
Old signs – “Don’t even think...”
Sense of openness

Landscape Issues

The participants were asked to comment on concerns or opportunities within the category of Landscape issues:

Flooding a problem in some areas
More equipment for trees maintenance needed
Need for a Tree ordinance – same as county?
Improve medians – flowers, flowering trees?
Utility of medians and swale areas
Control of medians/traffic
Medians as meeting places?
Public art in medians
Front yards – fencing, planting
Fencing code needed
Watering at medians / pumps – which ones?
Entrances landscaping
Native plants – don’t need watering
Species diversity within themes
Median committee’s role

Streetscape and Public Ways Issues

Other comments were solicited regarding streetscape and streets:

Need for traffic calming / speed limit
Pedestrian pathways
Bicycle ways
Corners at streets to be preserved
Transportation / circulator
Street lighting for pedestrians
Signage and identity
Bus stops and benches
Overhead cables
Train noise abatement
Mass transit
Car stickers to identify residents
Naming streets and axes
Directional / trailblazing signs
6th Ave bridge traffic
Pedestrian friendly
Entrance landscape
Info kiosks – marques / new billboard

Parks Issues

Jogging path?
Where is dog park?
Control of use of athletic fields and fencing
Canal access / ‘beach’
Meeting place as well as active place
Use to bring people together - build community
Gazebo?
Dog poop
Parking at park
Landscaping at Burke Park
Block parties
Support for coordinated activities
Pool?

Public Facilities Issues

Water distribution
Public works – where to accommodate?
Learning center
Civic Center
Log cabin as meeting room
Meeting place outside
Improve communication about activities – use email and website



Agenda

Friday June 17th

6:00 – 6:30 Meeting and Introductions:

Richard Shepard introduces design team

6:30 – 7:00 Discussion of Mission and Goals:

Description of Design Workshop Sequence, Mission and Goals

7:00 – 8:00 Recording of Concerns and Opportunities:

Beginning exercise, recording of audience comments

Saturday June 18th

9:00 – 9:30 Introduction Agenda for Workshop

9:30 – 9:45 Discussion: Opportunities in Neighborhood and Park Planning

9:45 – 10:00 History and Context: Members of Village Commission

9:45 – 10:00 Mission and Goals of Workshop:

Richard Shepard and Oscar Machado

10:00 – 12:00 Design Workshop: Citizens and design team work in groups to develop alternative neighborhood designs

12:00 – 1:00 Working Lunch: Finalize and present design sketches to gathering

1:00 – 4:00 Design Team Session: Design team refines and identifies areas of consensus and conflict

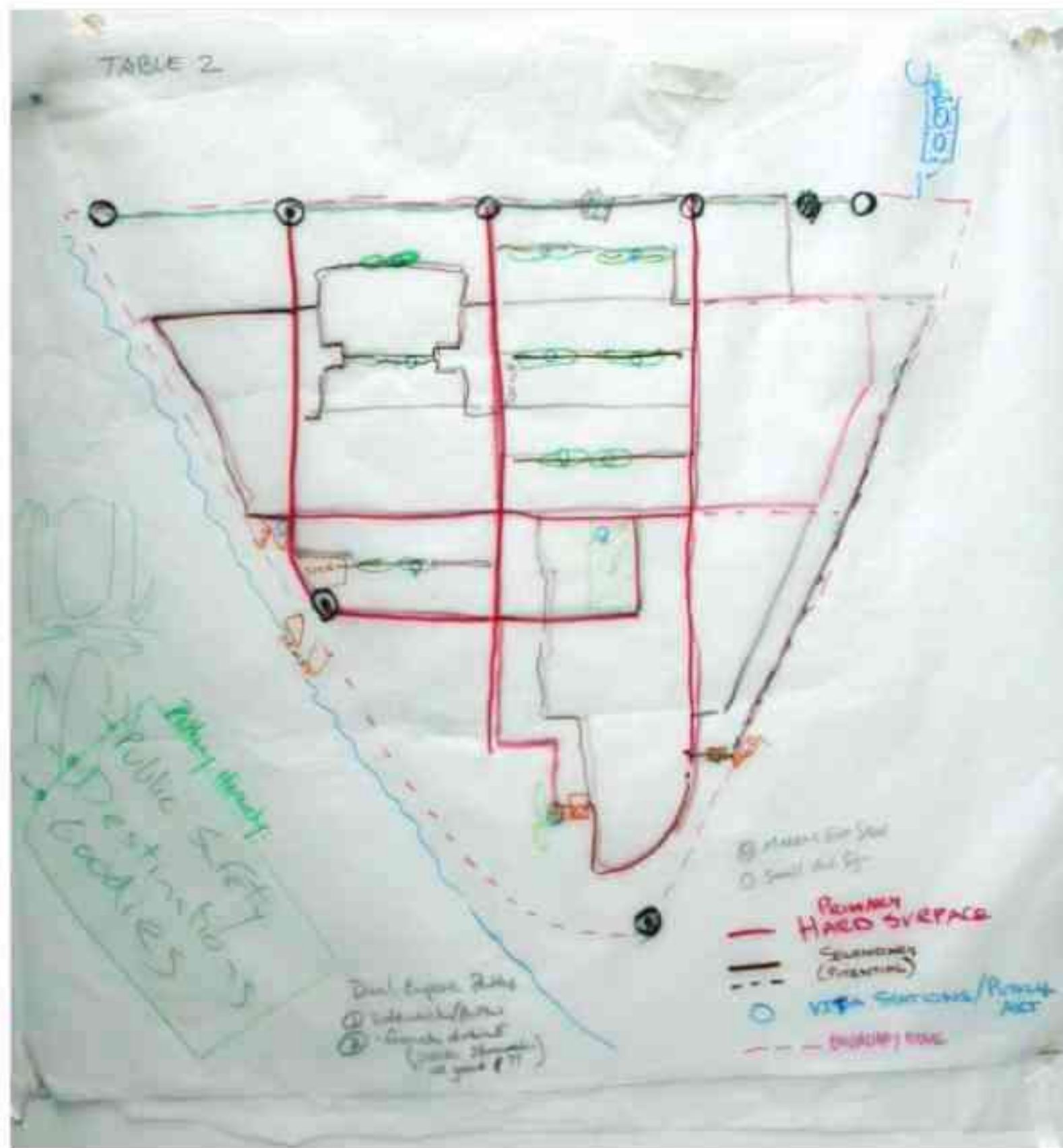
4:00 – 5:00 Public Presentation: Design team presents preliminary findings to gathering for review and comment.

On Saturday, June 18th, approximately 35 Biscayne Park citizens and 11 architecture students assembled in groups of 8-10 around 5 tables with aerial photographs of Biscayne park covered with tracing paper and color pens in order to portray their ideas for enacting the desires which had been articulated for the landscape, streetscape, parks and facilities improvements for Biscayne Park. At the end of the design session each group elected a spokesman to present their ideas



The Workshop Drawings:
Table 1 Priorities

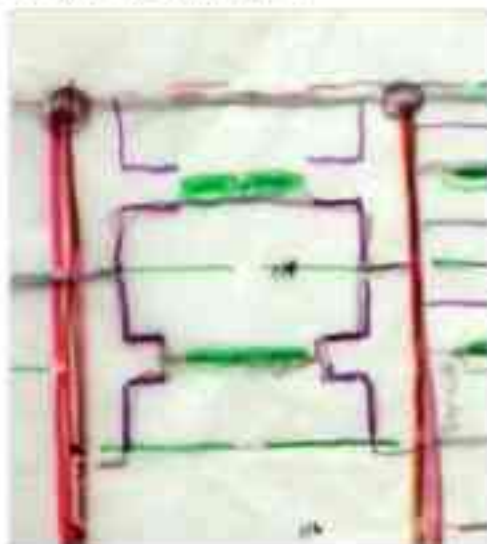
- Entrance Signs at 6th, 8th, 9th, 10th Ave and 121st St and at 6th Ave and 113th St.
- Traffic circle to calm traffic on 6th, 8th and 10th Ave.
- Extend medians to narrow passage and slow traffic at cross streets.
- Line entrances with trees to calm traffic.
- Add walls of coral rock at ends of medians to protect from autos.
- Use traffic calming devices such as change of pavement, raised pavement or trees in swales.
- Add bike paths on some streets.
- Put pedestrian paths in smaller medians.
- Make larger median beautiful public gardens.

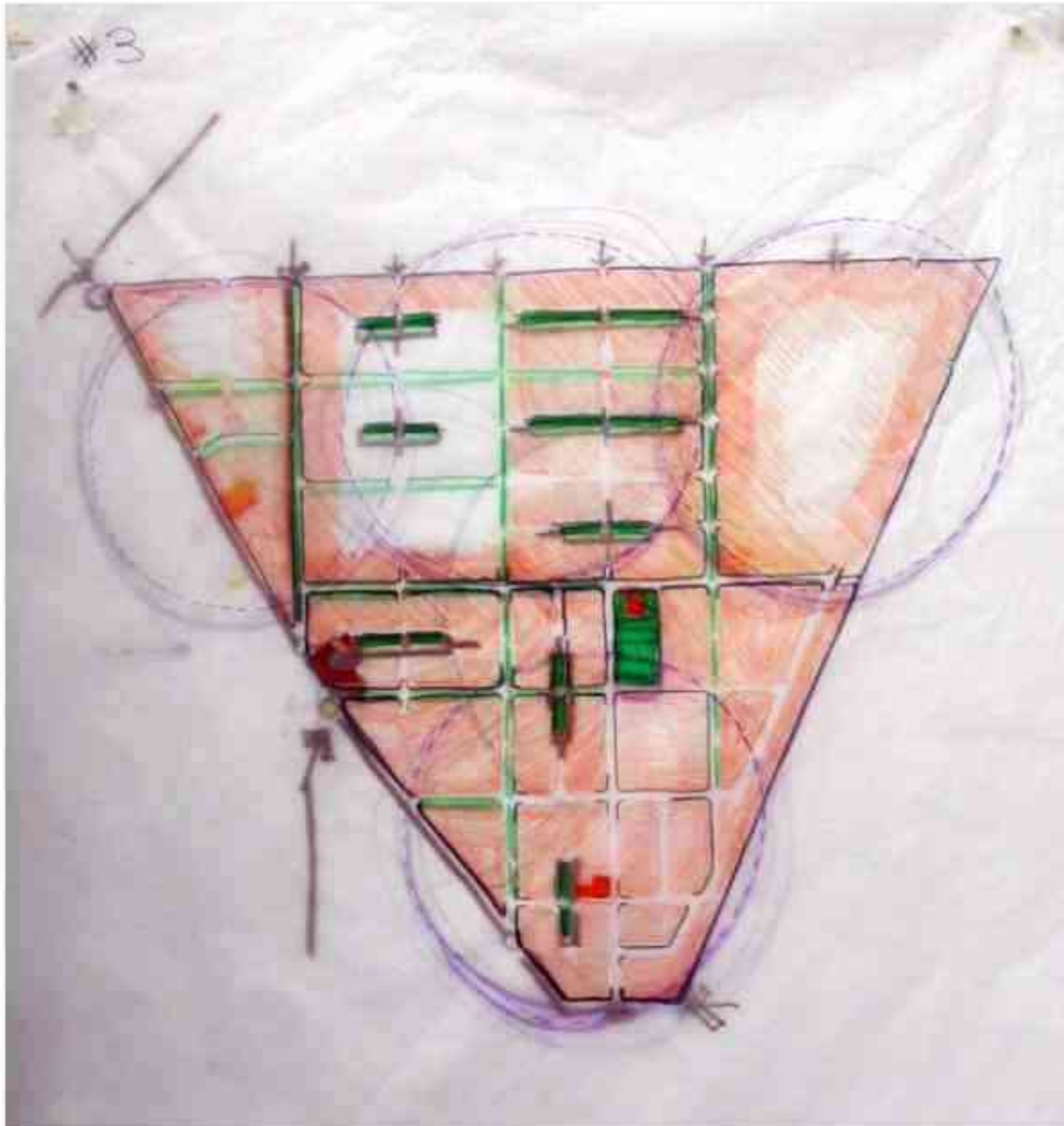


The Workshop Drawings:
Table 2 Priorities

- Pathways to be considered for 1. Public safety, 2. Destination, and 3. "Goodies" or amenities.
- Pathways to serve pedestrian sidewalk needs and incorporate French drain for stormwater.
- Major and minor entrance signs: major at 6th Ave and 113th, 107th and RR and 6th and 121st St. Minor entry signs at 8th, 10th and 12th Aves at 121st St.
- Exercise circuit: Make circuit through Village to connect medians and install vita-station course. Use alleys to continue course.
- Use existing grid and amenities to refine structure of community.

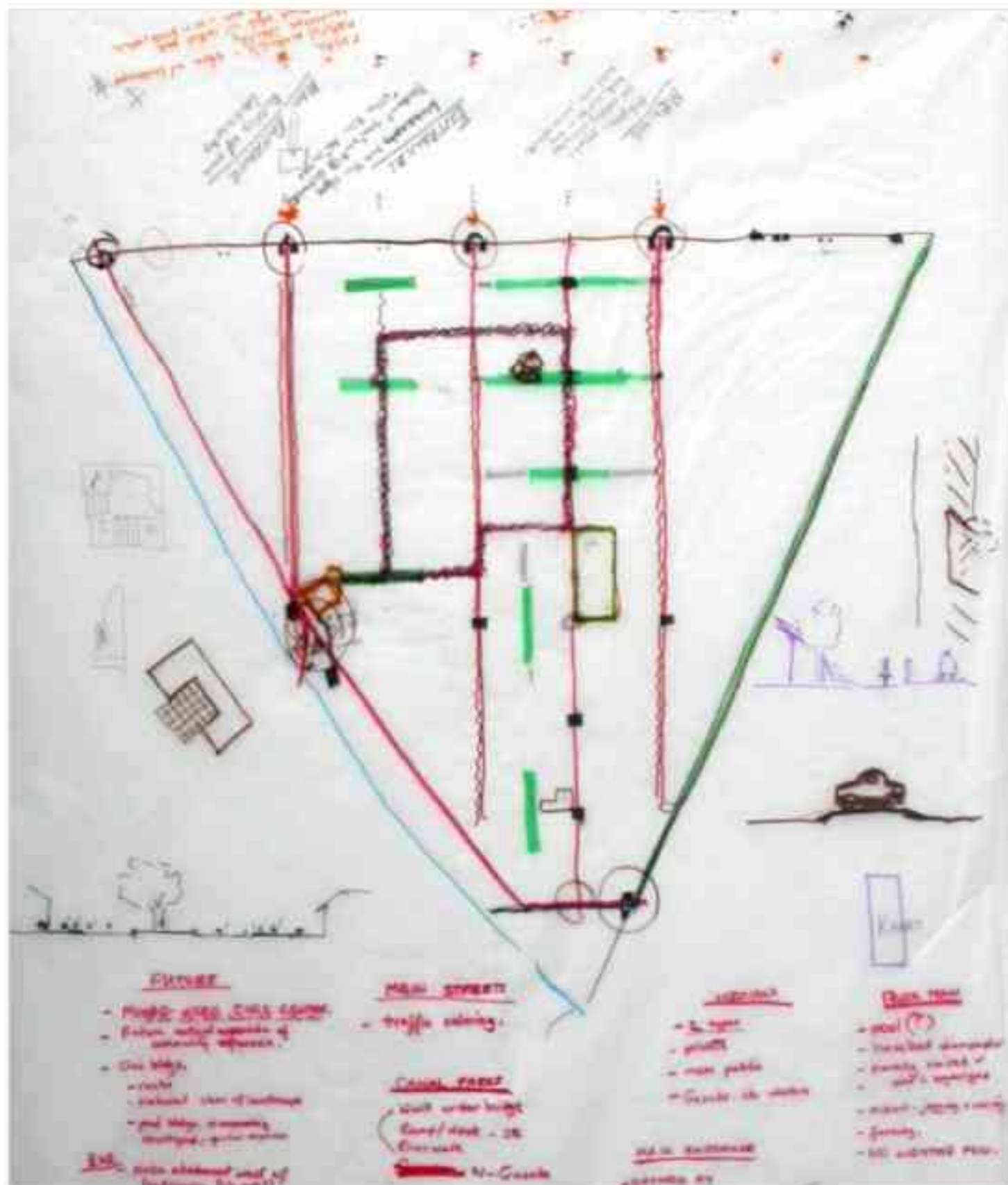
Alleys between properties between 7th and 8th Avenues could be made more public for interblock walkways.





The Workshop Drawings:
Table 3 Priorities

- Medians: Improve all medians with planting of trees and shrubs.
- Neighborhoods: Recognize smaller neighborhoods within Village as 5 minute walking radii.
- Improve landscaping with shade trees on roads leading to Burke Park.
- Improve Burke Park with jogging path, shade trees, public meeting place such as gazebo.
- Feature entrances to Village with signs and landscaping to encourage safe driving zone.
- Emphasize connections between Civic Center and Burke Park with tree planting and possible sidewalks.
- Make a strong Town Center at entrance of village.



- Traffic calming: use traffic circles, speed tables, bicycle lanes and shrubs in swales.
- Add parking at Burke Park to encourage use and to slow down cars.
- Add sidewalk on some streets but not all.
- Identity: Create entrance signs to notify arrival in Biscayne Park at 6 locations, use landscaping and pavement changes as well as signs.
- Landscape: reintroduce flowering trees.
- Civic Center: Server as main entrance to village. Build as pods for admin, police, learning center, rental offices. Expand gradually out and up, use natural materials, group around courtyard, landscape beautifully, possible identity sign on building.
- Medians: two types, enclosed = private, open = more public.
- Swales: discourage fences or walls.
- RR Tracks: Install noise abatement wall.
- Canal Park: Improve and connect two parts, add dock for canoes.
- Burke Park: more shade trees, baseball/softball diamond, jogging and walking tracks, more parking, control use with fence and scheduling.



The Workshop Drawings:
Table 5 Priorities

- Create bike routes.
- Improve busstops and benches along 6th Ave.
- Provide canopy trees along 8th and 9th Aves and 115th Street.
- Install entrance signs at 8 locations.
- Improve Canal Park and connect two parcels.
- Improve landscaping at medians.
- Reduce thru traffic by extending or closing medians.
- Burke Park: Add jogging path and softball diamond and fence.
- Civic Center: Improve grounds and landscaping, make courtyard between Learning Center and Police Building.
- Make 7th and 9th Avenues one way.

Introduction: The design team has reviewed the drawings produced at the Workshop and has observed a number of common ideas which came out of the workshop. The most often repeated ideas were the following:

Preservation Issues

- Maintain existing admired qualities of natural environment such as tree cover, medians, sense of openness.
- Maintain casual quality of natural environment as opposed to more formal designs.
- Maintain naturally occurring social qualities such as family-oriented, multi-generational, diversity of socio-economic background.
- Encourage more social interaction for those who would enjoy and participate.

Landscape Issues

- Increase shade trees at pedestrian routes.
- Improve medians by themed planting.
- Build new medians in Eastern portion of village.
- Differentiate major medians from narrower ones by having different uses, ie: wider medians as gardens and narrower ones as walkways.
- Encourage use of native plants to minimize upkeep.
- Seek ways to link medians.
- Protect medians from vehicular damage.
- Use landscaping around entrance signs to express Park aesthetics.

Streetscape and Public Ways Issues

- Address need for pedestrians to walk safely on heavily used streets.
- Provide traffic calming devices such as traffic circles at heavy volume intersections. Identify major entrances to Biscayne Park to encourage safer driving behavior.
- Provide preferred paths for bicycles.
- Improve lighting at night for pedestrians.
- Provide benches at busstops for convenience of riders.

- Consider sound buffering at FEC Railroad.
- Redesign intersections to avoid dangerous turning movements.
- Redesign information system including kiosk/marquee and directional signs.

Parks Issues

- Make Burke Park more attractive to community exercise activities.
- Provide paving and facilities for jogging and walking around Park.
- Consider special area for dog owners to congregate.
- Improve canal access from city owned parcels.
- Consider fencing or hedge to control access to park.
- Provide covered meeting place for informal outdoor gatherings.
- Improve parking for residents's cars at Burke Park.
- Support programming of more activities at Park both sports and social.
- Consider additional community facilities at Burke Park such as fountain or pool to encourage use.

Public Facilities Issues

- Concentrate civic activities at Town Center/Village House.
- Expand civic center to include learning center, city offices, police headquarters, Village House and small area of retail offices and shops.
- Improve Burke Parke to host community exercise and activities such as jogging, games and cultural events.
- Improve Burke Park to have softball field and backstop.
- Provide informal enclosure around Burke Park such as hedge or low fence to control usage and access.
- Provide pavement and shade trees to support jogging/walking track around Burke Park.
- Maintain existing Public Works facilities as adequate for the time being.

PUBLIC FACILITIES PLAN

VILLAGE OF BISCAYNE PARK PLANNING WORKSHOP
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LEGEND

1. CANAL LANDING
2. VILLAGE HALL/CIVIC CENTER
3. BURKE PARK COMMUNITY CENTER
4. PUBLIC WORKS YARD



Scale 1:200



1. Use Canal front properties for boat landing. Properties on both sides of 6th Avenue bridge can be improved with docks to allow access to canoes or kayaks. Dock might be able to connect the two parcels under the bridge.
2. Improve Village Hall/Civic Center with new building to house Administrative Offices, a Learning Center, Police Headquarters, possible rental offices and shops and a refurbished Village Hall for Commission and community meetings. *Village Commission*
3. Make Burke Park an attractive and vital community activity Center with places to play, to gather, to have classes and meetings. Consider adding a play fountain for children near the play area and a covered outdoor structure for informal gatherings of parties out of doors. *Village Commission & Public Works*
4. The Public Works Yard has been described as adequate for the immediate future.
5. Butterfly Park: The theme of existing Butterfly Park should be expanded to include all green areas and medians. Biscayne Park's selection of trees and flowers should be made on the basis of attractiveness to birds and butterflies in order to continue the image of garden and sanctuary. *Village Commission & Public Works*



Village Center

The Village Hall is significant for its history and its function and its location. Concentrating new municipal offices adjacent to it will allow a campus of civic activities to develop where they have traditionally been and at an important place that is the primary and most visible entrance to the Village.

The expanded Village Center will include office for Administration, Police, a Learning Center, possible rental offices and shops as well as a refurbished Village Hall for community and Commission meetings.

Canal Landing

Property on both sides of the 6th Avenue Bridge can be improved with landscaping and docks for canoes or kayaks. Feasibility of connection under bridge should be studied to connect the two parcels.



Burke Park

The Park should continue to add amenities and programs to become the primary Community Activity Center for the Village. With walking and jogging trails fanning out into the community and with increased programming of activities within the park its value as both an environmental and a community asset will continue to expand.

A play fountain would be a safe way for children and adults to gather and cool off.



STREETSCAPE PLAN

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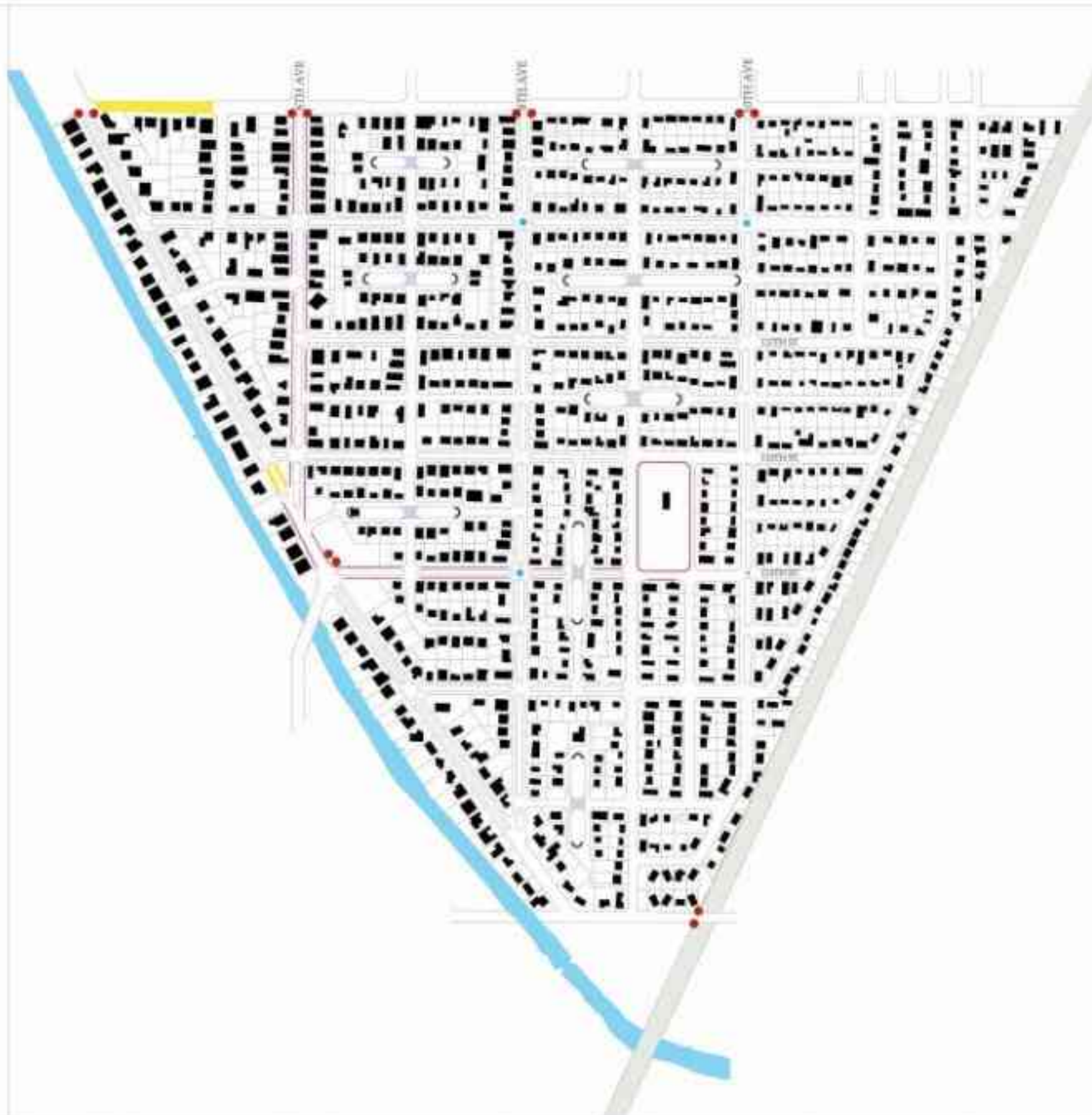
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STREETSCAPE LEGEND

Street Closure	
Traffic Circle	
Low Wall	
Traffic Table	
Entrance Signs	
Sidewalk Improvements	



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1. Design and provide traffic circles with landscaping at key locations to calm through traffic. Priority locations are 6th and 10th Avenues at 119th Street and at 113th Street. *Village Commission & County*
2. Design and install traffic tables at median crossings to slow through traffic. Priority locations are at wide medians crossed by 7th and 9th Avenues as well as those crossed by 109th and 113th Streets. *Village Commission & Public Works*
3. Close streets where turning movements are hazardous at 121st Street and 5th Avenue to prevent U-turns and at the last block of Griffing Boulevard to improve traffic flow and junction with 6th Avenue. *Village Commission & County*
4. Provide sidewalks for safe and continuous pedestrian ways at primary pathways along 6th Avenue and on 113th Avenue between the Village Center and Burke Park Community Center. *Village Commission & Public Works*
5. Design a series of low stone walls which protect curved ends of medians from automobile damage and also provide informal seating for pedestrians. *Village Commission & Public Works*
6. Design and install a series of entrance signs at primary locations where traffic enters the Village. Key locations are 6th Avenue at 113th St., 6th, 8th and 10th Avenue at 121st. Griffing Blvd. at 121st St and 107th St at RR tracks. *Village Commission & Public Works*
7. Increase car parking at Burke Park along 9th Court and 9th Avenue to control random overflow parking. *Village Commission & Public Works*



Primary Entry Identification



Signage

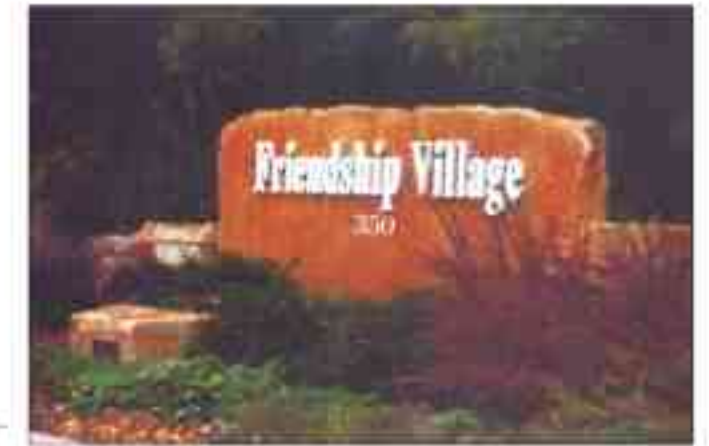
Natural materials such as Coral Rock or Keystone walls can be used throughout the village to hold various kinds of information. The signs can be carved or sandblasted wood or ceramic panels. The changeable community events marquee can be an electronic message sign controlled from village headquarters, mounted in a low wall and located in one or more locations.



Secondary Entry Identification



Community Events Marquee



Examples of Natural Materials for Entry Signage



Directional Signs



Facility Identification





Provide sidewalks along NE 6th Avenue for bus commuters and along 113th Street for pedestrians to walk between the Village Center and the Burke Park Activity Center.



Install traffic circles at 4 locations to calm thru traffic.



Build low curving walls at ends of medians vulnerable to abrasion by automobiles.



The variety of Biscayne Park's streets help to identify and orient locations within the Village.



CIRCULATION PLAN

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CIRCULATION LEGEND

Bus Route	-----
Exercise Route	-----
Bike Route	-----
Exercise Sign	● ●
Street Closure	■
Sidewalk Improvements	-----



Scale 1:200



1. Designate exercise route which connects and utilizes medians. Consider installing exercise stations in medians such as a "Vita-Course." Build jogging trails along or through medians to add informal activity to passive areas. *Village Commission & Public Works*
2. Establish a series of jogging routes at various lengths with markers which start and end at Burke Park. (Jogging track surface can be 6 feet wide edged in pressure treated 2x6 limber and finished with mulch over stabilized subgrade of crushed rock or gravel). *Village Commission & Public Works*
3. Demarcate bicycle routes on a loop including 8th and 10th Avenues with pavement indications to protect bicyclists. *Village Commission & Public Works*
4. Assist riders of bus routes along 6th Avenue by providing benches and shelters at busstops. An inter-local circulator could connect the regional bus system to Burke Park at active times. *Village Commission & Public Works*

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Median Improvements	100%
New Median Improvements	100%
Shade Tree Planting	100%
Sound Abatement Wall	100%



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1. Provide additional shade trees on primary pedestrian ways. High priority areas are the perimeter of Burke Park to protect walking and jogging paths and at primary pedestrian routes along NE 6th Ave and 113th Street (Retain existing trees and fill in with Silver Buttonwood trees at an average of 20' on center). *Village Commission*
2. Increase planting of trees at medians to define ends and edges and discourage driving on medians. (Trees in medians can be flowering trees such as Royal Poincianas, Yellow or Purple Tabebuias). *Village Commission & Median Committee*
3. Develop designs for understory plantings in medians composed of native plants which do not require extensive watering after they are established. Use plants that are conducive to attracting butterflies and birds. *Village Commission & Median Committee*
4. Plant hedge at perimeter of Burke Park to control access to lawn area (Cocoplum Hedge). *Village Commission & Public Works*
5. Build new medians in streets to east of existing medians on 115th, 117th and 119th Sts. to allow areas not currently enjoying major asset of Biscayne Park. *Village Commission & Median Committee*
6. Reclaim and landscape alleys in blocks between NE 6th and 8th Avenues from 117th to 121st Streets to utilize an underutilized amenity for social interaction and to create a continuous "green band" in this neighborhood. Similar alleys occur off of 9th Ave between 111th and 107th Streets. *Village Commission & Median Committee*
7. Build a sound abatement wall adjacent to FEC Railroad Tracks to protect and improve adjacent and near property values. *Village Commission & Median Committee*



Provide additional shade trees at Burke Park and along 113th Avenue to encourage pedestrian use.



Take advantage of medians by using all landscape elements - trees, shrubs, stones and flowers to make them a rich and unique community resource. Plants can attract butterflies and birds. Jogging trails can be used to link the series of medians to each other.

Management Recommendations
(Village Commission)

1. Develop budgets for design and construction of recommended projects.
2. Develop budgets for additional maintenance of improved public areas such as medians, jogging paths, parking areas and park facilities.
3. Initiate a organization within the community to develop implementation schedules for design and improvement projects.

Policy Recommendations
(Village Commission)

1. Consider annexation of 6th Avenue commercial corridor south of 113th Street to permit variety of uses and revenues without rezoning existing areas.
2. Encourage use of landscape treatments near improvements such as signs and buildings to carry consistent theme of natural materials.
3. Encourage Citizen committees such as the Median Committee to develop concrete proposals and budgets to implement recommended improvements
4. Send notices to property owners abutting alleys that any obstructions to these rights of way will be removed.



The Vision Plan shows the full compilation of the four earlier components: Facilities, Streetscape, Circulation and Landscape Plans.

The improvements discussed in the Workshop and presented in this report will reinforce and extend the qualities of life and environment that citizens value. The highest priorities should be afforded to the most critical improvements which will affect the greatest number of people.

The construction of the Village Center complex will improve municipal operations while it takes away burdens from the Burke Park facility and allows both to serve more purposes. As Burke Park continues to improve with trees and tracks and play places it will encourage further improvements in the pedestrian environment such as sidewalks and trees along 113th Street to connect the two major community facilities and exercise routes to link additional parts of the Village.

Improvements in landscaping of medians as well as other traffic calming measures will contribute to a more civil attitude as residents and visitors move through the community and enjoy its unique environment.

The recommendations which have come out of the Visioning Workshop are evolved from the excellent infrastructure which is already in place. The recommendations are in the following areas by order of priority:

1. Civic Center expansion

- Plan for expanded Civic Center to include pods for Police, Administration, Learning Center as well as possible commercial uses such as canteen, café and offices for rent.
- Consider design as signifying entrance to Biscayne Park.
- Renovate Village Hall for public meetings.
- Take advantage of location and open space for display of signal landscape.

2. Traffic calming and circulation

- Traffic circles at intersections at 6th and 8th Avenue at 119th Street and at 6th and 8th Avenue at 113th Street.
- Provide pavement narrowing, pavement changes or traffic tables at medians.
- Provide pavement changes at crosswalks.
- Install signage at entrances noting speed limits.
- Utilize trees and landscaping to signal special conditions.
- Close median turnaround at 5th Avenue on 121st Street.
- Close Griffing Boulevard southbound only at its junction with 6th Avenue.
- Construct a large roundabout at entrance to Village at 6th Avenue and 113th Street.

3. Burke Park improvements

- Install jogging track around perimeter.
- Install walking path around perimeter.
- Install fence and gates around Park to control usage.
- Add softball diamond and back stop.
- Add gazebo or other shelter for informal outdoor gatherings.

- Consider play fountain or shallow pool as community amenity.
- Plant trees at perimeter paths for shade.

4. Improve pedestrian environment

- Provide sidewalks along 113th St. and along 6th Avenue between the Civic Center and Burke Park.
- Plant shade trees to make sidewalks comfortable in hot weather.

5. Median improvements

- Develop program of themed plantings and palettes for undercover and canopy.
- Use of native species to not require irrigation.
- Need for improved maintenance of trees and shrubs.
- Develop program of amenities such as exercise stations and pathways to give purpose for use.
- Build low walls at ends to prevent traffic damage.
- Install altered or raised pavement at crossings to slow through traffic.

6. Making connections between public spaces

- Develop pedestrian ways, bike routes, jogging paths and exercise routes through village to connect places and spaces.
- Improve 113th Avenue with sidewalks and trees to make visible connection between Civic Center and Burke Park Community Center.
- Use amenities at medians and Community Center to encourage gatherings or events.

7. Improve identity of Village

- Develop signage system for identity of main and other village entries and special facilities.
- Develop way-finding signage system for direction to facilities.
- Redesign events marquee to be legible and well located.

8. Announce entrances

- Provide entrance signs at six locations to signify arrival at Biscayne Park: 121st Street at Griffing, 6th, 8th, and 10th Avenues, at 6th Avenue and 113th Street and at 107th Street and the railroad tracks.
- Use informal materials and design and embellish with landscaping.
- Use entrances as introduction of "rules of behavior" for village.

9. Reinforce positive qualities

- Keep swales open to maintain open and friendly attitude.
- Improve medians, park, paths and Civic Center to make the Park more like garden.
- Encourage social interaction.

10. Encourage social interaction in Village

- Increase programming of social and cultural activities at Burke Park and Civic Center.
- Use amenities in medians and parks to thematically connect different parts of the village.

Tabulation of Recommended Improvements

Facilities Improvements:

Village Center
 New Municipal Building
 Parking
 Landscape Canal Landing Docks
 Burke Park
 Jogging Track: 1200 L.F.
 Walking track: 1200 L. F.
 Play Fountain
 Additional Parking

Streetscape Improvements:

Traffic Circles:	4
Traffic Tables at medians:	8
Low Walls at medians	16
Entry Signs	5
Main Entry Sign	1
Information Kiosk	2
Directional Signs	4
Facility ID Signs	4
Sidewalks: 6 th Ave One side	2000 L.F.
Sidewalks: 113 th St One side	2000 L.F.

Circulation Improvements:

Jogging Paths at medians	
Bicycle Route markings	
Bus shelters	6

Landscape Improvements:

Shade Trees at pedestrian ways
 Tree planting at medians
 Understory planting and landscape
 Cocoplum hedge at park perimeter
 New medians in eastern areas
 Sound Abatement Wall at RR

Next Steps

Of course, the work of the Biscayne Park Commission and Citizens work does not end with this report. Action must be taken to transform these ideas into reality. The following are suggested steps to implement these goals:

1. The Village Commission should endorse this Plan as the "Approved Vision Plan" for Biscayne Park.
2. The Commission should select and prioritize projects in order to determine what areas can be implemented first, how they would be accomplished and funded. This may be done by the Commission itself, or by a Committee or Task Force authorized by the Commission.
3. The Commission would endorse these recommendations and direct staff to implement same.